

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Robinson *et al.*

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(Continuation in Part of U.S. Natl. Phase
PCT/GB00/00624))

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For: **Neisserial Vaccine Compositions
and Methods**

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Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In advance of prosecution of the captioned application, Applicants submit the following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks. This Preliminary Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry;
- (B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks and arguments.
37 C.F.R. § 1.121 and MPEP 714; and
- (C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version with markings to show changes made."

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of

this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Amendments

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

In the specification at page 1, before line 1, please insert the following paragraph:

The present application is a Continuation In Part of a U.S. National Phase PCT/GB00/00624 Application filed on February 22, 2001 (International Filing Date of February 22, 2000), and published in English on August 31, 2000, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

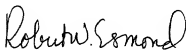
Remarks

Accordingly, the present amendments do not add new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested. Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-21 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 9 and 15 being the independent claims.

It is believed that the present application is in condition for immediate examination. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided

Respectfully submitted,

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